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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652\$ GDS

TAGS: ENRG, AG

SUBJ: PREPCON AND CHEMICO

1. YOU SHOULD KNOW, PRIOR TO YOUR MEETING WITH AIT CHAALAL ON MONDAY, THAT HE REPORTED BACK VERY FAVORABLY ON YOU AFTER PREPCON I. SEVERAL ALGERIAN OFFICIALS HAVE MENTIONED TO ME THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY YOUR POSITIVE SPIRIT AND THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN. THIS WILL NOT MAKE HIM ANY SOFTER AS A NEGOTIATOR, BUT AT LEAST YOU WILL BE STARTING OFF WITH GOOD PERSONAL VIBRATIONS.

2. YOU WILL ALSO RECALL THAT DURING ONE OF MY MEETINGS WITH GHOZALI LAST MONTH HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO JOGGING WITH YOU AT PARIS. DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THAT WILL BE FEASIBLE, BUT HE WILL BE MOST INFLUENTIAL SINGLE PERSON ON ALGERIAN DELEGATION AND INFORMAL CONTACT OF THAT NATURE COULD BE VERY USEFUL.

3. GHOZALI WILL PROBABLY BRING UP CHEMICO PROBLEM WHETHER OR NOT YOU JOG TOGETHER. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM HIM SINCE HE SENT US COPY OF HIS SEPTEMBER 8 LETTER TO EXIM BANK SETTING FORTH SONATRACH POSITION AND NEED FOR FURTHER CREDITS. WE UNDERSTAND LAWYERS FROM SHEARMAN AND STERLING HAVE BEEN HERE THIS PAST

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WEEK CONSULTING WITH SONATRACH (THEIR CLIENT) AND WE

ASSUME CHEMICO IS PRINCIPAL SUBJECT. WE DO NOT KNOW
OUTCOME OF CONSULTANT (INOVEN) STUDY. WORK CONTINUES
AT ARZEW BUT AT SOMEWHAT REDUCED PACE.
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